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REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9, 12-14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, and 26 are pending in this application of which claims 2, 3, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, and 25 are withdrawn. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 13 are amended and claim 11 is canceled. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects, under 35 U.S.C. § 102, claims 1 and 6 over Leman (U.S. Patent No. 6,161,944) and claims 1, 5, 11, 23, and 26 over Kim et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,254,249). The Office Action also rejects, under 35 U.S.C. § 103, claims 6 and 12 over Kim et al. and Hsu (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2002/0177467), and claim 9 over Leman, and Motege (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/0107554). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants assert neither Leman nor Kim do not disclose a light source configured to direct light substantially directly at an external visible portion of a mobile communication device numeric keypad when a second housing is in the open position and second housing hinge section configured to expose the light source external to the mobile communication device when a first housing is closed against the second housing, as recited in independent claim 23 and similarly recited in independent claim 1.

The claimed feature is not present in Lehman and such is not asserted by the Office Action with respect to claim 1. However, the Office Action does allege the feature is disclosed by Kim with respect to claim 11. This allegation will be addressed below.

With respect to claim 23, the Office Action alleges Lehman discloses the various claimed features. Applicants disagree. Applicants assert the elements listed by the Office Action do not exist in Lehman. For example, the Office Action alleges Fig. 3 has elements 20, 18, and 12. However, these elements do not exist in Fig. 3.

If the Office Action is attempting to allege the claimed features exist in Kim, Applicant's respectfully disagree.

The Office Action alleges a light source is disclosed by elements 14-2 and 14-3 in Fig. 3, which "direct light substantially directly at the external visible portion of the mobile communication device numeric keypad (20) to illuminate the mobile communication device

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numeric keypad. Note that lights 14-2 and 14-3 in fig. 3 read on the claimed 'to direct light substantially directly at the external visible portion of the mobile communication device numeric keypad' because the two lamps will provide a substantial amount of light in the direction of the keypad." Applicants disagree. Applicants assert Kim does not disclose what the Office Action is alleging.

In particular, with respect to lamps 14-2 and 14-3, Kim only discloses "First illuminating lamps (14-1, 14-2, 14-3 and 14-4) are respectively arranged at a lower side and both sides of the cover 12 and at a lower corner area of the body 10 for use as memorandum reading lamps." (col 2, lines 36-39). Kim provides absolutely no other information regarding the first illuminating lamps. In particular, Kim does not disclose that lamps 14-2 and 14-3 direct light substantially directly at an external visible portion of a device numeric keypad when the second housing is in the open position and direct light external to the mobile communication device when the second housing is in the closed position. Kim has absolutely no disclosure of whether the lamps operate when the cellular phone is open or closed. Kim only discloses the lamps are "reading lamps." Thus, Kim does not disclose what is explicitly claimed.

Furthermore, Applicants assert Kim discloses the opposite of first illuminating lamps 14-2 and 14-3 directing light substantially directly at an external visible portion of a device numeric keypad when the second housing is in the open position. In particular, Kim expressly discloses the first illuminating lamps are for use as "memorandum reading lamps." Thus, the illuminating lamps would direct light substantially directly at memorandums, not at an external visible portion of a device numeric keypad. Accordingly, Kim discloses the opposite of what is claimed.

Thus, neither Leman nor Kim do not disclose a light source configured to direct light substantially directly at an external visible portion of a mobile communication device numeric keypad when a second housing is in the open position and second housing hinge section configured to expose the light source external to the mobile communication device when a first housing is closed against the second housing, as recited in independent claim 23 and similarly recited in independent claim 1.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1 and 23 define patentable subject matter. The remaining claims depend from independent claims 1 and 23 and

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therefore also define patentable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and 35 U.S.C. § 103. Applicants further assert claim 13 is allowable for including the allowable features of claim 1.

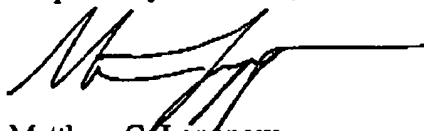
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-3, 5, 6, 9, 12-14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, and 26 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any fees arising as a result of this Amendment or any other communication from or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2117.

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